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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
PIERRE BLANCHARD, ET AL. : EXAMINER: NILAND, P.
SERIAL NO: 10/781,686 :
FILED: FEBRUARY 20, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1714
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FOR: NOVEL RHEOLOGY :
REGULATORS SUCH AS GROUND
NATURAL CALCIUM CARBONATES
OPTIONALLY TREATED WITH A
FATTY ACID OR SALT AND THEIR USE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 2, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, newly-submitted comparative data, and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.